(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction; and

(c) the details of the proposals mooted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) A proposal from M/s. Skyline NEPC (a scheduled private airline) for import of three Airbus A-310 is under consideration of the Government.

Investigation on Misdeed and Irregularities of Shaw-Wallace & Company Ltd.

3596. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has investigated on various misdeeds and irregularities of Shaw-Wallace & Company Limited, Calcutta;

(b) If so, the outcome of the investigation; and

(c) what action has been taken as per investigation so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Department of Company Affairs had ordered inspection of books of account and other records of Shaw Wallace & Co. Ltd. under Section 209A of the Companies Act, 1956.

2. The inspection report has brought out details of huge inter-corporate deposits taken and given, interest waived on such deposits given, details of huge bad debts and advances written off, details of borrowed funds which were utilised in lending without adequate returns, payment of non-competition fee, unnecessary payment of consultancy and brokerage charges, etc.

3. The findings of the inspection report, the scrutiny of the company's audited accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1995, subsequent complaints, information received from financial institutinos and field offices of the Department of Company Affairs have been examined and this has revealed that financial mismanagement of the affairs of the company has led to a very severe cash crunch, which has endangered the company's solvency and that the affairs of the company are being conducted in a manner oppressive to the members of the company and in a manner which is prejudicial to the interests of the company and to the public interest.

4. The Central Government has made a reference to the Principal Bench of the Company Law Board under Section 408 of the Companies Act, 1956 on 6th September, 1996 seeking an order for the appointment of eight Directors on the Board of the Company for a period of three years to effectively safeguard the interests of the company, its shareholders and/or the public interest.

Economic Package for Assam/North-Eastern Region

3597. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI PARAG CHALIHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bestow an Economic Package on Assam or North-Eastern Region on the pattern of J&K Package; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No package as such has been formulated for Assam or the North-Eastern Region on the pattern of J&K package. The problems of J&K are different than those of North-Estern States. However, North-Eastern States are being given priority by Government of India in allocation of resources. All the North-Eastern States are categorized as special category States and are being given a liberal pattern of Central Assistance which is given as 90% grant and 10% loan. Further, for integrated development

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of North-Eastern Region, North-Eastern Councial has been constituted under an Act of Parliament since 1972. The Council is an advisory body empowered to discuss matters of common interest of two or more states of North-East and advises the Central Government in matters of common interest, inter-alia, in the fields of economic and social planning, inter-State transport and communication, power and flood control projects in these States.

Mahila Branches in Commerical Banks

3598. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI has issued any instructions to all commercial banks in the country to provide mahila banks or branches to be manned by women only;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of such banks opened in the country alongwith the branches of the various banks being manned by the women exclusively in the country; and

(d) the further steps taken or being taken by the authorities to open more such banks in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has not issued any instructions to commercial banks for opening branches to be manned only by women.

(c) and (d) RBI has further reported that as on 31st May, 1996, there were 68 women urban co-operative banks throughout the country, The data reporting system of RBI does not, however, generate information regarding branchs of various commercial banks manned exclusively by women.

Production of Films by NFDC

3599. SHRI K.RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of films have been produced by the National Film Development Corporation and the expenditure incurred for producing the film during the last three years;

(b) what is the Revenue earned from these film productions;

(c) out of them how many films are produced in Regional languages and the number of films in each of he regional language; and

(d) which are the films produced by the NFDC having won the National and International Awards during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) National Film Develpoment Corporation Limited (NFDC) produced 18 films under its own production and NFDC-Doordarshan Co-production Scheme during the last 3 years viz. 1992-93, 1993-94, & 1994-95. The cost of production of these films is Rs. 484.47 lakhs.

(b) The Corporation earned a revenue of Rs. 363.61 lakhs from these films during the last 3 years.

(c) Out of the 18 films, 9 films produced were in regional languages. These included 7 films in Bengali and one each in Marathi and Oriya.

(d) During the last 3 years, the following 12 films produced by the NFDC have won National And International Awards:

1. Tahader Katha
2. Ek Hota Vidushak
3. Rudali
4. Miss Beatty's Children
5. Antareen
6. Suraj Ka Satvan Ghoda